Water Supply Program 10-Year Strategic Plan

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Programs



Governing Board Priorities

Build three reservoirs through Public/Private Partnerships





- Achieve Everglades water quality standards
- Acquire land for Kissimmee River Restoration
- Reduce phosphorus inputs to Lake Okeechobee
- Refurbish the regional flood control system
- Implement water supply plan recommendations
- Continue to recognize the value of employees

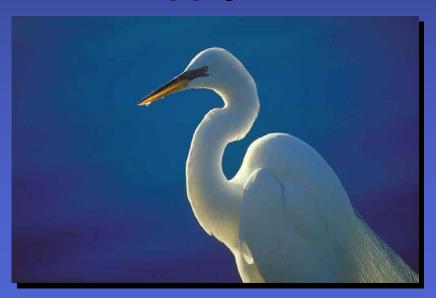
Coastal Watershed Program 10-Year Strategic Goals

- Restore watersheds and estuaries through local initiatives
- Understand restoration effects through high quality applied science
- Decrease flood damages through proactive flood management planning



Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan Program 10-Year Strategic Goal

To restore, preserve and protect South Florida's ecosystem while providing for other water-related needs of the region, including water supply and flood protection



District Everglades Program 10-year Strategic Goals

To contribute to **Everglades** restoration by restoring water quality, restoring hydrology and improving planning and operational decisions through applied science



Kissimmee Restoration 10-year Strategic Goals

- To restore the ecological integrity of the Kissimmee River flood plain ecosystem
- To improve water quality, water supply, natural resources and flood control levels of service in the Kissimmee Upper Basin
- To regulate the headwater and river system to balance impacts to the upper and lower basins

Lake Okeechobee Restoration Program 10-year Strategic Goals

To improve the health of the Lake Okeechobee ecosystem by:

- Improving water quality
- Reducing exotic species
- Better managing Lake levels



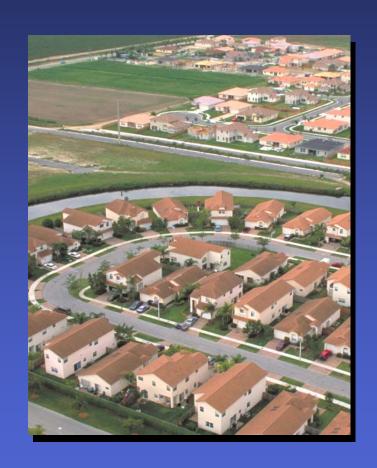
Land Stewardship Program 10-year Strategic Goals

Restore conservation and preservation lands to a natural condition, provide compatible public access, and manage and acquire lands for other programs prior to their intended use



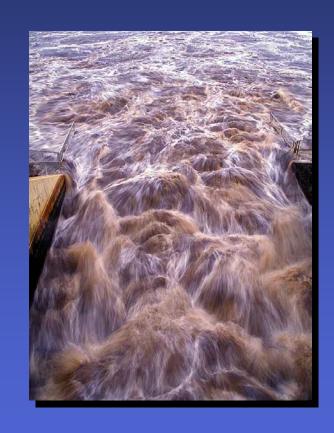
Regulation Program 10-Year Strategic Goal

- Provide fair, consistent and timely review of permit applications
- Ensure compliance with issued permits
- Take enforcement action where necessary



Operations and Maintenance Program 10-year Strategic Goals

To optimally operate and maintain the primary flood control and water supply system to: Minimize damage from flooding; Provide adequate regional water supply; Provide for environmental restoration and protection



Description

- Develop and implement 20-year plans to address existing and future water supply needs of the environment and of the growing population
- Support local government comprehensive planning
- Ensure continued consistency of water use permitting with environment protection and restoration



Goal

Ensure an adequate supply of water to protect and enhance natural systems and to meet all existing and projected reasonable-beneficial uses, while sustaining water resources for future generations



Strategies

- Meet current and future water needs of urban, agricultural and the environment
- Build projects recommended in the water supply plans
- Promote water conservation and development of alternative sources

- Strategies (cont.)
 - Establish minimum flows and levels and reservations of water for the environment
 - Create stronger linkage between land use and water supply planning
 - Ensure continued consistency between water use permitting, water supply planning and environmental restoration

Key Assumptions

- Governing Board strategic priority: redirect \$5.0M to increase alternative water supply, conservation, and water resource development projects
- Modeling support will be available to coincide with plan update requirements
- Implementation of original recommendations continues until plan update is approved
- Identification of future Lower East Coast and Lower West Coast water resource and water supply development projects will occur in FY05 as part of plan updates

Future Water Supply Funding

- Maintain minimum of \$4.5 million a year for Alternative Water Supply grants
- Establish \$5 million a year additional funding to implement water supply plan recommendations
 - Provide consistent support for new alternative water resource/water supply projects
 - Supplement Alternative Water Supply Program funding when needed
 - Increase funding for Water Conservation from \$550,000 to \$1 million

- Water Supply Implementation
 - Lake Region Water Treatment Plant
 - Broward County Integrated Water Resource Plan
 - Regional Irrigation Distribution System (LWC)
 - C-25/St. Johns Marsh connection feasibility (UEC)

- Water Supply Planning
 - Regional Water Supply Plan updates (LEC, LWC, Kissimmee)
 - Economic and data analysis for Water Supply and Water Resource Projects
- Technical assistance for local government planning
 - Comprehensive Plans
 - Evaluation and Appraisal Reports
 - 10-Year Water Supply Facility Work Plans

- Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Funding Program
 - 41 applications for AWS Grants received for FY05
 - Increase funding
 - Stronger linkage to water use permitting issues

- Water Conservation
 - 13 Water Savings Incentive Program grant applications for FY05
 - Water requirements for Florida landscapes (partnership with water management districts, NRCS, FDACS, Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association)
 - Mobile Irrigation Labs (adding a new lab)
 - Florida Automated Weather Network
 - Outreach/Education

- Minimum Flows and Levels
 - **■** Florida Bay
 - Biscayne Bay
 - Lake Istokpoga
 - **Lake Okeechobee**
- Initial Reservation
 - Northwest Fork of Loxahatchee River



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